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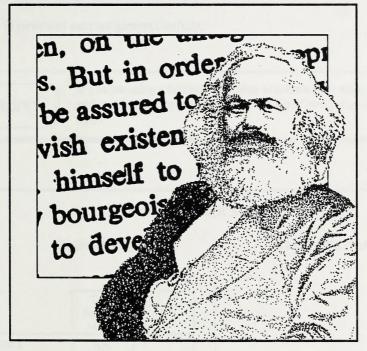
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Your mark on this module will be determined by how well you do your assignments in this booklet.

Work slowly and carefully. If you are having difficulties, go back and review the appropriate section.

There are three section assignments and one final module assignment in this assignment booklet. The total value of these assignments is 100 marks. The value of each assignment is stated in the left margin.

You may do your rough work on your own paper.

Be sure to proofread each assignment carefully.

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Section 1 Assignment	20	
Section 2 Assignment	25	
Section 3 Assignment	25	
Final Module Assignment	30	
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### **Teacher's Comments**

# Section 1 Assignment: What Is Socialism?



Read all the parts of your assignment carefully and record your answers in the appropriate places.

Complete the following retrieval chart.

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# Section 2 Assignment: Socialism in Practice



Read all the parts of your assignment carefully and record your answers in the appropriate places.

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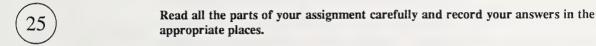
In an essay of two to three pages, compare the similarities and differences between the command economy and the welfare state. A suggestion might be to examine the areas of planning, public ownership, private ownership, and basic beliefs. Be sure to illustrate your comparison with practical evidence from some of the examples covered in this section.

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# Section 3 Assignment: The Changing Face of Socialism



You are the new leader of a country. One of your first jobs is to assess the economy. In order to make a sound judgment, you have asked your most trusted advisors for a confidential report. After much study, the following report was submitted to you.

# **Confidential Economic Report**

This country has made extensive use of centralized planning of the entire economy. The state owns all the means of production including the land, factories, stores, transportation facilities, public utilities, and banks. All the decisions for the economy have, in the past, reflected the priorities of the leader and its many ministries.

In the industrial sector, the allocation of resources and labour has been determined by the economic planners. Managers do not make decisions. They implement policy and try to make sure quotas are met. Meeting these quotas means everything, so quality is of little importance. This philosphy has lead to the shoddy production of some goods and the overproduction of others few people desire. These poor quality products cannot be sold to the West. They must be sold to weak Third World nations.

Factory workers lack enthusiasm and there is a high rate of absenteeism. All workers are paid the same wage for the same job. They are driven to meet the quotas by their managers. On the other hand, all workers are guaranteed lifetime employment. They can't be disciplined or dismissed for incompetence.

There are all kinds of shortages. This has led to a flourishing black market where people exchange services for goats or money. Carpenters, mechanics, and tailors are especially involved in this. Most consumer products are either in short supply or don't exist. The planners set prices on all products so those they want the people to have are priced low, or are subsidized by the state.

In agriculture, there is communal living. Often more that 5000 people live on a commune. Farmers work for the state, they don't own any property. All production is taxed and any excess goes to the state to feed factory workers. Farmers are resettled into areas of land with low populations, even if they don't want to go there.

The country accepts foreign aid, but foreign investment is illegal. The country has a closed door policy.

The economic growth rate has dwindled to almost nothing. Research and development are lagging behind. The country must import food to feed the people.

The economy requires a major overhaul.

You are an admirer of Mikhail Gorbachev and his economic policies. You have decided to follow Gorbachev's lead in reforming your economy.

As the leader of your country you are to plan its economic reform based on Gorbachev's reforms. You have decided to hold a press conference to outline your plans. Your assignment is to write a speech outling economic reforms for your country. You are to base your reforms on those of Gorbachev in relation to the problems that exist in your country.

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# **Final Module Assignment**



Read all the parts of your assignment carefully and record your answers in the appropriate places.

You will be required to write an essay modelled after those that appear on the Social Studies 30 diploma exam. Be sure to refer back to those activities in Module 2 that outlined the procedures for writing this type of essay.

Remember there are three parts to the content in this type of essay.

Diploma Essay Format

### I. Introduction:

- 1) Define the issue.
- Identify the different points of view which are related to the issue, indicating the existence of a dilemma.
- 3) State your thesis (position) concerning the issue and its relationship to the points of view. Determine which point of view is most closely related to your thesis.

### II. Body:

- 1) Introduce the case study used to define your position.
- Describe the case study using specific, factual detail, reflecting your knowledge of Social Studies content.
- 3) Discuss the desirability and feasibility of the case study. (A critical evaluation of the actions taken, but in the end a conclusion which will support your thesis.)

### III. Conclusion:

- Restate your thesis and defend it by refuting opposing views based on values and specific factual data.
- 2) Make generalizations beyond stating your position. (Can this conclusion be applied in other cases?)

### MARKS WILL BE ALLOTTED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

Thoughtful description of different points of view underly the issue	ying	( 5 marks)
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Logical and persuasive defence of the position chosen		
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Effective use of language and expression		
	TOTAL	30 marks

# **Final Module Assignment**

Choose one of the topics below, and write a position paper defending your choice.

TOPIC A: Countries such as Sweden, Yugoslavia, and Norway have passed legislation granting workers a larger voice in the basic production in their factories. On the other hand, in Germany and Italy during the thirties, unionism was banned, and workers were not allowed to strike, etc. Canada is now faced with the decision:

Should the government of Canada pass legislation to expand worker involvement in the decision-making process to answer the three basic economic questions – what to produce? how to produce it? who gets what share of the production?

TOPIC B: Due to the recession of the 1980s, industrial production throughout the world has fallen back while the demands for social services have increased. Ever-increased taxation is required to provide these services, and to maintain employment in faltering companies. Canada is now faced with the decision:

Should the government of Canada continue to support the universality of social services by increasing the proportion of salaries given to income tax?

TOPIC C: During the twentieth century, different nations have attempted to solve the basic economic questions – what to produce? how to produce it? who gets what share of the production? The approaches used have varied from strict government control to little government involvement. Some nations have even moved from one extreme to the other. Some have changed because of crisis, while others are trying to stimulate stagnant economies.

Should governments implement policies of privatization in order to encourage economic growth?

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